

STATE OFFICERS ASSUME PLACES

Names of the Men Who Constitute the New Administration.

INAUGURATION OF GOV. WARNER

Citizens by the Thousands Filed Through the Executive Parlor at the Reception.

State Supreme Court Now Consists of Eight Members—No Democratic Representation in the Legislature.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 2.—Since 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the more than 2,000,000 citizens of the state of Michigan have been ruled over by almost an entirely new set of state officials. It is possible that some of the good people of the state have not yet awakened to his new state of things, but it is a fact nevertheless.

The disposition to "cut a swath," as it were, in connection with the inauguration of its state officers into office seems to possess this commonwealth every other two years. Four years ago unusual pomp and ceremony marked the occasion, while two years ago the occasion was shorn of all frills, the taking of the oath of office occupying less than 10 minutes' time and being witnessed by not more than seventy-five persons. This year witnessed somewhat of a revival of the former conditions, although the naval brigade and other military organizations which were conspicuous in 1901 were not in evidence yesterday.

Impressive Ceremonies.

Prominent citizens from many sections of the state gathered in the state house at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and witnessed all of the state officials who were elected to office last November take the oath of office administered by Chief Justice Moore of the supreme court. There was no special attempt at display, the effect being to make the ceremonies simply impressive. This effort was successful, and the unanimous verdict of all present was that the entire proceedings was in keeping with the importance of the occasion and that it is well to characterize such incidents in a way that will bring them prominently before the people of the state and thus tend to impress them with the dignity and greatness of the state and with a proper sense of the respect due the officials thereof.

The inauguration ceremonies, which were held in representative hall, were presided over by Ex-Governor John T. Rich. Before administering the oath of office to the new officials, Chief Justice Moore made a brief, but most appropriate and eloquent address. The ceremonies were witnessed by a distinguished company.

The New State Officials.

"Let us forget" it may be well to here record the names and titles of the several officials who entered upon their new duties yesterday:

Governor, Fred M. Warner; lieutenant governor, Alexander Maitland; secretary of state, George A. Prescott; state treasurer, Frank P. Glazier; auditor general, James B. Bradley; attorney general, John E. Bird; commissioner of state land office, William H. Rose; superintendent of public instruction, Patrick H. Kelley; member board of education, Luther L. Wright; associate justices of supreme court, Russell C. Ostender, Charles A. Blair, Aaron V. McAlvay.

All of the officials were enthusiastically applauded when they stepped forward to take and subscribe to the constitutional oath of office.

It will be recalled that Michigan now has a greater number of elective officers than ever before in its history, three members having been added to the supreme court at the last election. The highest tribunal in the state now consists of eight members, a condition which will result in a change in the practice which has thus far prevailed in that tribunal. Until today, through all the long years that Michigan has been a state, every case argued in the supreme court has been heard by the full bench. Hereafter, save on special occasions, only five of the justices will sit at a time.

Objections to Increase.

The other three will devote their time when not hearing cases to the preparation of opinions, and it is expected that this method of procedure will result in greatly expediting the work of the court, which is considerably behind. There is occasional objection heard to the net increasing the number of justices because it provides for an even number, thus making possible the affirmation of cases by an evenly divided court. One of the reasons given for increasing the number of justices from four to five a number of years ago was that a divided court had made the same law valid in one county and invalid in another, this being due to the fact that one circuit judge had held the law valid and another declared it to be unconstitutional, and each was sustained by a divided supreme court.

The inaugural reception last night was in the language of the highway, a "whale." Governor Warner was assisted in receiving by all the newly elected state officers, Senators Alger and Burrows, and Ex-Governors Bliss and Rich. During the three hours de-

voted to the reception thousands of citizens filed through the executive parlor and paid their respects to the members of the receiving party, which included the wives of the officials named.

Speaker of the House.

It is a foregone conclusion that Representative Sheridan P. Master of Kalamazoo will be elected speaker of the house. In fact, it will be no surprise if no opposition worthy of the name develops in the caucus. The talent is, however, at sea as to the nominee for speaker pro tem. Representative William J. Galbraith of Houghton would not be a bad guess. Charles S. Pierce, who ably filled the position two years ago, will be re-elected chief clerk, and will reappoint Paul F. King of Cass, journal clerk and F. Z. Hamilton of Eaton, bill clerk. At the conclusion of the session, Mr. Pierce will return to his duties as deputy secretary of state, and Mr. Hamilton will succeed Henry Humphrey as state accountant.

First of Its Kind.

The legislature which will convene at high noon tomorrow will be the first of its kind in the history of the state. Never before has there convened in Michigan a legislature which was made up entirely of members of the same political party. Several years ago, it will be remembered, the famous John Donovan of Bay was the sole representative of the Democracy in the Michigan legislature. This year the minority party has no representative whatever.

Economy will be the watchword if the leaders of the party can control the situation. Governor Warner is insistent upon this point and will be watchful from his point of vantage. It is not intended to be in any wise penurious nor to lose sight of the importance of the state and the fact that it is rapidly increasing in population. It is believed, however, that material saving can be made without crippling any legitimate interest. There is little doubt that movements now on foot having for their object the creation of new boards and commissions will be emphatically side-tracked, and that the tax budget will be kept down to the lowest possible point consistent with a proper regard for the legitimate needs of the state.

Most Important Matters.

Doubtless the most important matters that will engage the attention of the legislators will be the enactment of a primary reform law and a rearrangement of the law creating the state tax commission and defining its duties. It is yet too early to predict the final solution of these two vexed problems, but there is evidence of an earnest effort to solve them correctly and in a manner that will have the approval of the people of the state.

It is expected that the elimination from the constitution at the last election of the provision limiting the introduction of bills to the first fifty days of the legislative session will tend to materially expedite the work. Hereafter but little in the line of actual legislation has been accomplished during the first fifty days of the session because all hands were waiting until the last bill was in the hopper before squaring away for business. Now this excuse can no longer obtain.

New Constitution Defeated.

General regret is expressed at failure of the people to ratify the proposition to convene a convention to make a general revision of the constitution. Although a majority of the electors who voted on this proposition last November favored it, yet it was not carried. Inasmuch as the constitution requires that it shall receive a majority of the highest number of votes cast at the election, whereas less than half of the entire number of electors voted on this question.

Governor Warner has not yet decided upon the persons whom he will appoint to all the principal offices at his disposal, there being one or two still in doubt. The following have, however, been officially announced:

Commissioner of railroads, Thoron W. Atwood, of Tuscola; dairy and food commissioner, A. C. Bird, of Ingham; deputy dairy and food commissioner, Colon C. Lillie, of Ottawa; adjutant general, William T. McGurran, of Kent; assistant adjutant general, James N. Cox, of Houghton; quartermaster general, James H. Kidd, of Ionia; assistant quartermaster general, Walter G. Rogers, of Wayne; inspector general, Car. A. Wagner, of St. Clair; assistant inspector general, William N. Theilmann, of Houghton; aides-de-camp, with rank of colonel, Sanford T. McGraw, Frank B. Leland and Arthur L. Holmes of Detroit, and W. E. Stewart, of Genesee; private secretary and military secretary, Arthur P. Loomis, of Ionia. The governor will announce his selection for labor commissioner during the present week.

Farmers Want Legislation.

The executive committee of the state grange met here last week and appointed a legislative committee which will present to the legislature the measures favored by that organization. These include the reorganization of the state tax commission, primary reform, uniform text books, regulation of the sale of stock foods, regulation of the speed of automobiles on rural highways and other measures declared for at the recent annual session of the state body.

It is probable that a general revision of the game and fish laws will be made and that the powers and scope of the dairy and food department will be enlarged so as to foster and encourage to a greater extent the dairy interests of the state. Bills taxing sleeping car companies, which now practically pay no tax in Michigan, will be urged, and many other important measures are in sight.

The session promises to be an interesting one. JAMES V. BARRY.

WHO IS SHERIFF?

Dickson of Wayne Refuses to Surrender Office to Hoffman.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 2.—The new year has come and Henry A. Dickson still retains possession of the county jail. At 12 o'clock Saturday night John T. Hoffmann, sheriff-elect, appeared and formally demanded that the building be turned over to him. He was as formally refused, and a few minutes later disappeared down the street in his carriage. The widely heralded trouble failed to materialize and in the neighborhood of 2,000 persons, assembled in a dense mass on two sides of the jail, went away much disappointed. It was expected that Hoffman would endeavor to take the office by force and a special detail of police were on hand.

It's now a question of who is sheriff of Wayne county. John T. Hoffman was elected to the office but hasn't qualified. Henry A. Dickson holds the job, but he has served two consecutive terms, and the law declares that he can't legally hold the position. Coroner-elect Morgan Parker, though having taken the oath, can't get into the county building, has no clerks nor keys to his office nor has he been placed in charge of the work by the proper authorities. He is the law's choice in the event of Hoffman failing to qualify by Tuesday noon, when the auditors will meet again to examine new bonds.

Sheriff Dickson, it is generally understood by those who are interested has received the consent of the county auditors and circuit judges to remain in charge of the county building until Tuesday, when his future movements will be determined by the auditors. There is a well-defined rumor that in the event of Hoffman's bond falling to be satisfactory, Coroner Morgan Parker, M. D., will be forthwith declared acting sheriff.

MILLIONAIRE'S ROMANCE.

Post of Battle Creek Aims His Domestic Relations in Speech to Employees.

Battle Creek, Mich., Jan. 2.—Before a gathering of several hundred persons, most of whom were employees, C. W. Post, the Postum cereal million aire, aired his domestic experiences giving his version of the divorce of Mrs. Post No. 1 and the marriage of Mrs. Post No. 2, formerly his stenographer, Miss Lella Young, as follows: "When scarcely out of our teens the first Mrs. Post and I were married and in less than a year found that a childish mistake had been made and that we both lacked mature judgment in the selection of a life partner. Therefore, many years ago we found it better to live apart most of the time, while in public we appeared to gether."

He then related how Miss Young entered his home as companion to his daughter and subsequently became his stenographer and private secretary.

Speaking of wife No. 1, Mr. Post closed by saying: "She is happy and contented and we have had no occasion for the usual acrimonious contentions customary in separations; on the contrary, I frequently hear of kind expressions from her, and I have a steady and profound regard for the many sterling qualities of her character."

Mr. Post then introduced his bride to the multitude and they cheered.

BROKE INTO THE CHURCH.

Row in Grand Rapids Parish Results in Lively Scene.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 2.—St. Adalbert's, a Polish Catholic church, Seventh and Davis streets, was the scene of a riot Sunday afternoon in which the city police, fifty irate and pugna-cious women, and a large number of men took part.

Some time ago the parish was divided, Fr. Poganis being transferred to Gaylord and Fr. Skory being placed in charge of St. Adalbert's, the old church. The change has been resented by a large portion of the congregation, and trouble has been brewing for some time. Recently Fr. Skory denied the woman's society of the church the use of the basement because some lively altercations had occurred among its members.

About 4:30 Sunday afternoon about fifty women proceeded to the church and demanded admission to the basement.

The janitor, on the inside, said "No." With the aid of some heavy pounding and high temper, the ladies beat the door in, mauled the janitor most generously, tickled his solar plexus with vigor and left him with no more clothes than the law allows.

Soon the church was surrounded by a large number of gallant husbands, brothers, fathers and sweethearts, who had rushed up to reinforce the initial bombardment of the ladies.

The janitor had formed himself into a solid column, and in one manful effort had succeeded in driving out some of the triumphant women, when some body rang for the police patrol. The officer compelled the women to retire and the crowd gradually dispersed, vowing vengeance on the man who sent in the call.

Marriages Decreasing in Wayne.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 2.—When the Wayne county clerk's office closed Saturday it was computed that 3,876 marriage licenses were issued last year. In 1903 the number reached 3,927, thus showing a falling off for 1904 of sixty-one licenses.

CHADWICK MEETS WIFE

Pathetic Scene Takes Place in Cleveland County Jail.

BOTH BROKE DOWN AND WEPT

"Trust me, Trust Me," She Begged of Him—Declares All Newspaper Reports Are Lies—Chadwick's Replies Were "I Hope So."

Cleveland, Jan. 2.—Sheriff Barry and Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick arrived here Sunday from New York over the Pennsylvania road. Taking a carriage at the Union station, they were driven at once to the county jail, where a bail bond for \$10,000 was furnished for Dr. Chadwick's appearance in criminal court next Tuesday, when he will be given a preliminary hearing.

The bail bond was signed by Virgil P. Kline, counsel for Dr. Chadwick, and also by J. P. Dewley, counsel for Mrs. Chadwick. As soon as the formalities in connection with the bond were completed Dr. Chadwick was admitted to the woman's department of the jail, where he held a long conference with his wife.

Fell Into His Arms.

After the preliminaries in the sheriff's office Dr. Chadwick was escorted by Sheriff Barry to the fourth floor of the woman's ward, where his wife is held a prisoner. The meeting between the two was pathetic in the extreme. Mrs. Chadwick arose when she heard the steps in the corridor and fell in her husband's arms when she recognized him. Both broke down and wept convulsively for several minutes while clinging to each other, the sheriff attempting meanwhile to console them.

In that time all troubles that have been hanging over the family like a loadstone were lost in the joy of meeting and the thought of the mutual sorrow. There was no artificiality about the scene. Genuine grief, genuine joy intermingled. Real tears were shed and even the sheriff, hardened as he must be by continual contact with people in every form of distress, was himself deeply affected. Little by little the first shock grew less severe and the two sat down for a talk that continued for an hour and a half. There were pleadings and partial responses when the more serious predicament of husband and wife was at length appreciated.

Had Lost His All.

Dr. Chadwick has lost his all in the operations of his wife and the large independent fortune of his only child has been swept away. Sufficient reason, it would seem, for some show of hardness on his part. Mrs. Chadwick tried to imbue him with the thought of her innocence of any wrongdoing. His only response to these pleas was "I hope so."

The troubles into which both have been plunged were thoroughly discussed. The wife told the story, interspersed by violent fits of weeping, in which at times Dr. Chadwick joined. There were no apparent evasions, but there was a constant cry of: "Trust me! Trust me!" on the part of the woman.

"Don't believe these stories which the newspapers have been printing about me," she said. "They are all lies; every one of them. I have done nothing wrong. Believe me; trust me; everything will come out all right in the end, and it will be seen that I have been guilty of none of these things the public charge me with. Don't think I deceive you; I will tell you the truth, and I tell you that all these reports are lies—lies."

Wants Time to Think.

"I can only hope so," was the husband's answer. "I have trusted you and it is hard to believe anything; my mind is so confused. This has all been such a terrible shock and I don't understand any of it. I want time to think of it. I do not say I won't trust you; only give me time to collect my thoughts. Ever since I heard of this trouble in Paris I have been bothered and my life has been made almost unbearable. I have been followed and hounded until I can think of nothing else. I am not the judge. I can only hope that everything will come out all right, as you say."

After an hour's earnest conversation, conducted for the most part in a scarcely audible whisper, Sheriff Barry was asked by Mrs. Chadwick to send for her attorney, J. P. Dawley, who was waiting with Attorney Keruich in the jail office.

A short conversation with them followed and then Dr. Chadwick took his departure.

There has been some question in the minds of the lawyers as to whether Dr. Chadwick has the occupancy of his Euclid avenue home since it has been taken possession of for the benefit of creditors of Mrs. Chadwick, and it has been decided by the lawyers that Dr. Chadwick cannot be barred from its use. He spent Sunday at the home of Attorney Virgil P. Kline and he may go to his own home later.

Died Suddenly.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 2.—John H. Creyts, a widely known retired farmer, died suddenly Sunday of heart disease, aged 61.

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